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HALIFAX REGIONAL NURSES AMONG THE GREAT 100 Award Honors Nursing Excellence in North Carolina

ROANOKE RAPIDS, NC (September 1, 2015)—Halifax Regional Medical Center is proud to announce that Hope Lonesky, RN, BSN, clinical supervisor and Tracy Medlin, RN, labor and delivery nurse both of the Halifax Regional Birthing Center will receive the distinct honor of being recognized among **The Great 100 Nurses of North Carolina** for 2015. Lonesky and Medlin were selected among hundreds of nominees from across the state and selected for demonstrating nursing excellence and a commitment to the profession.

“Nursing evolves, said Karen Daniels, vice president of nursing, Halifax Regional. There has always been the need for someone to care for the ill and injured. As the profession of nursing evolves, it changes and advances in response to the needs of society. Today, there is an ever-growing emphasis on wellness and nursing is following suit. These Great 100 nurses, along with all Halifax Regional nurses, not only provide sick care, but work with patients to promote healthy living and wellness.”

Hope Lonesky has been a RN with Halifax Regional for 19 years serving in the Birthing Center for the past 18 years. She is truly engaged with her patients and her involvement in community health education reflects her commitment. Lonesky is actively involved in the Nurse Family Partnership which provides first-time moms and their babies care, support, and education with the goal of making positive long-term family improvements. She also leads the Breastfeeding Task Force, helping to identify strategies to increase breastfeeding awareness and spread the news to about of the overall health benefits of breastfeeding.

With 15 years of experience, labor & delivery nurse Tracy Medlin demonstrates integrity, honesty and accountability. Medlin is highly respected by physicians and colleagues for her vast knowledge of obstetrics patients. Medlin is a level three LEAP recipient—a program designed for nurses demonstrating leadership, model nurse behavior, advocacy for nursing, and professionalism—in addition to being a contributing member of Halifax Regional’s Critical Congenital Heart Disease team to implement the best care practices for newborns.

“Tracy and Hope are both truly amazing nurses, said Amy Joseph, nurse manager, Halifax Regional Birthing Center. They show their passion for nursing every day and it makes a huge difference for their patients. Their colleagues and I are extremely proud of their achievement and congratulate them on becoming part of the Great 100.”

Both Lonesky and Medlin now join the ranks of 21 other Halifax Regional nurses who have been recognized among “The Great 100” since its inception in 1989. These nurses have all exhibited outstanding professional ability and made significant contributions to improving community health.

All the Great 100 award recipients will be celebrated during a formal gala event at the Raleigh Convention Center on October 17, 2015.

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About Halifax Regional

Halifax Regional Medical Center is licensed for 204 beds, including psychiatric and nursery. A non-profit organization, Halifax Regional is fully accredited by the Joint Commission. For more information, visit www.halifaxregional.org.

About The Great 100, Inc.

The Great 100 is a non-profit organization honoring the nursing profession in North Carolina by recognizing the importance of registered nurses within a range of practice settings; promoting positive images of nurses and the nursing profession; acknowledging nurses demonstrating excellence in practice and a commitment to their profession; raising scholarship money for registered nursing education.